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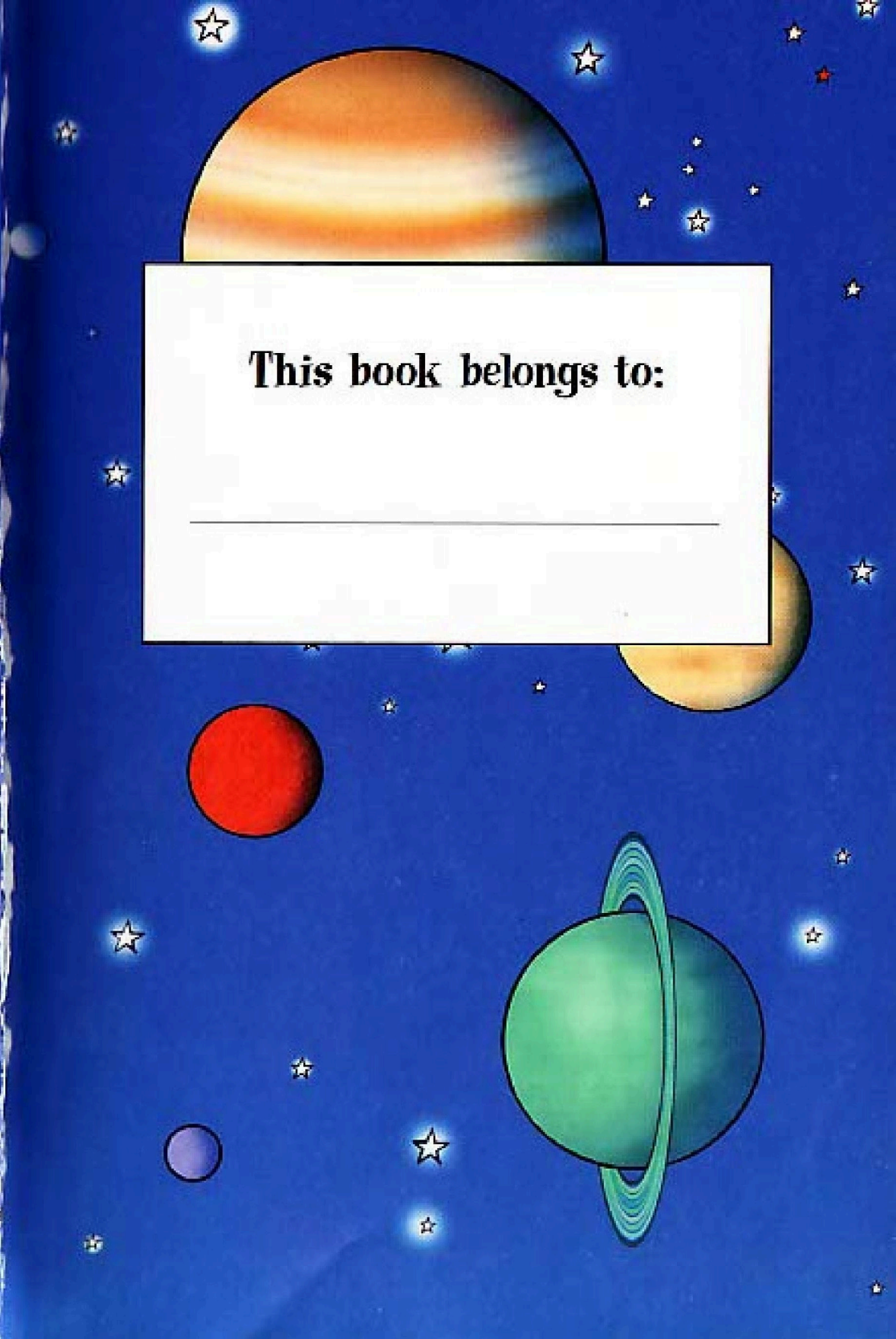
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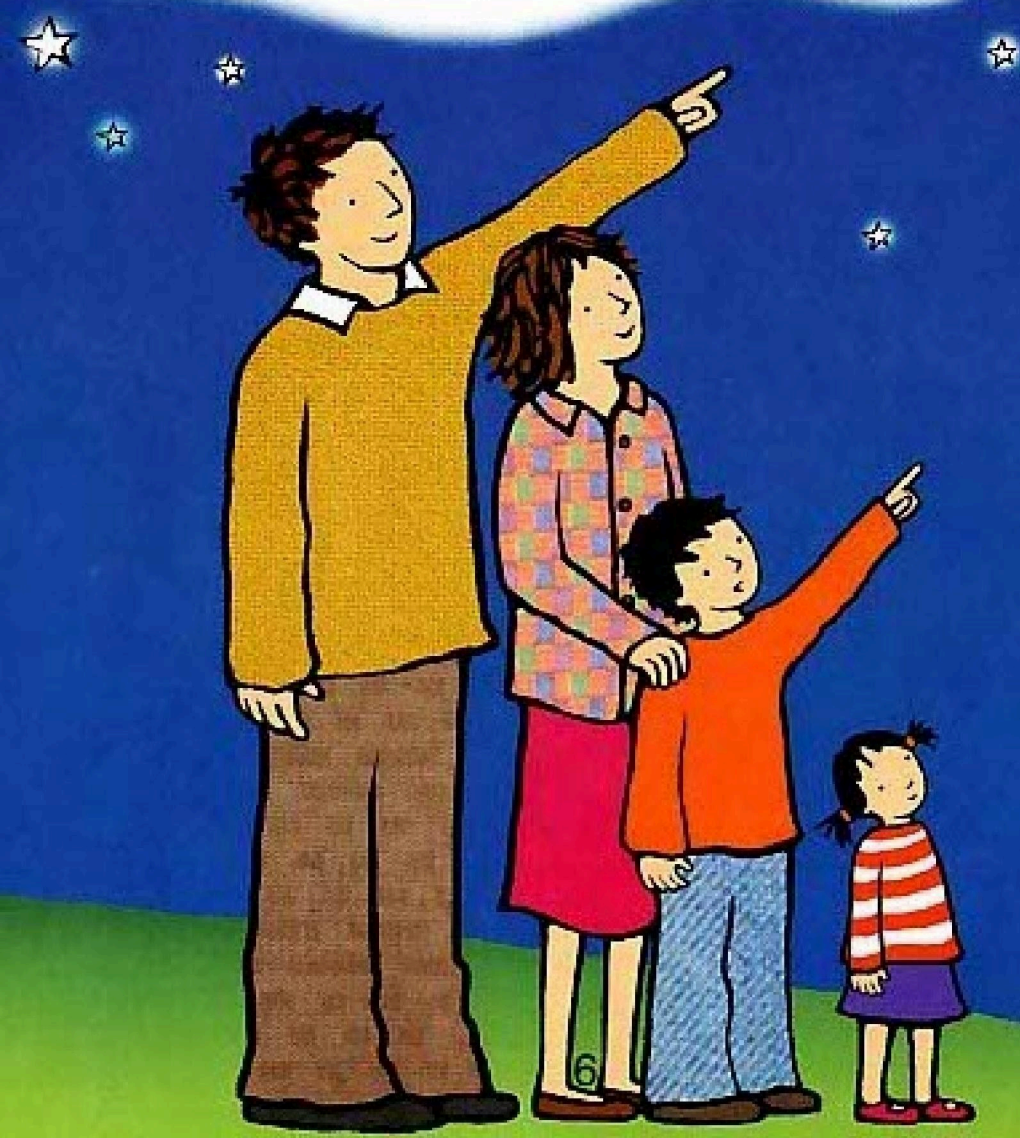


# Stars and Planets

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When the sun goes down  
and night time comes, can  
you see millions of stars in  
the black sky?





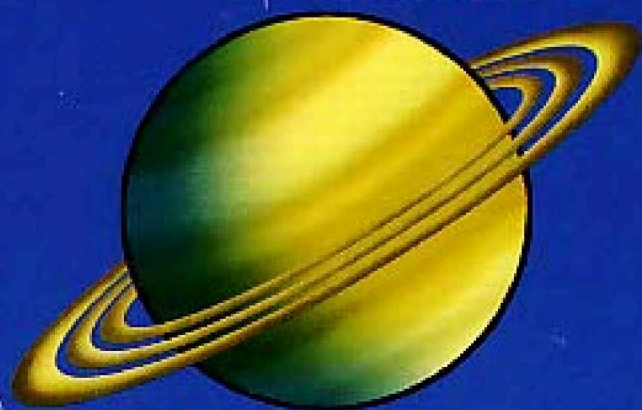


Stars are very big balls of hot burning gas. In space, some stars look blue and some stars look red.

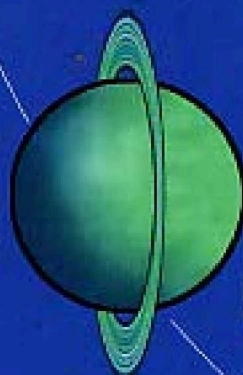


Our sun is a star. The sun and all the planets that go around it make up the solar system.

Saturn



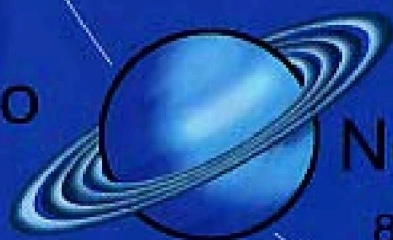
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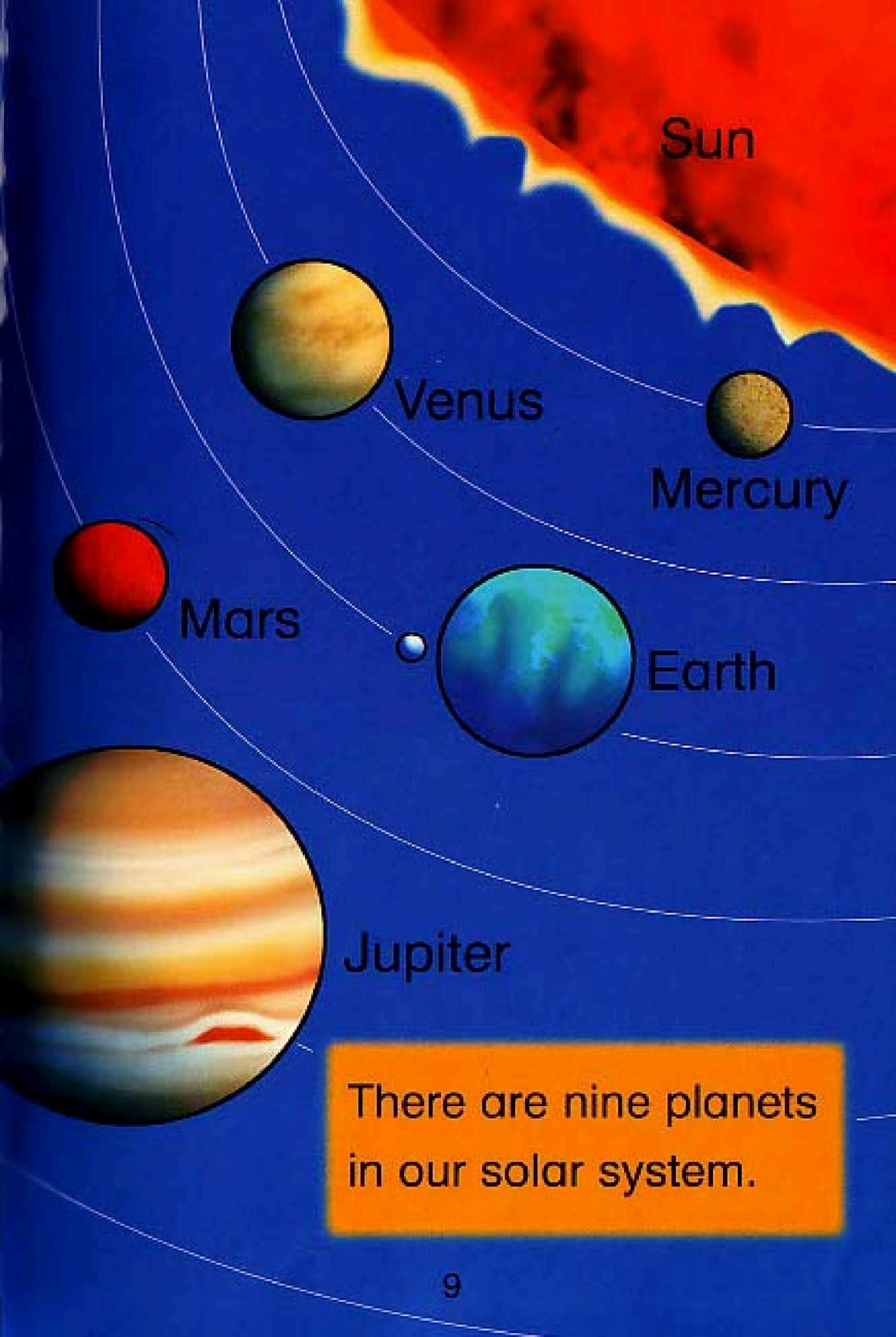


Pluto



Neptune





Sun

Venus

Mercury

Mars

Earth

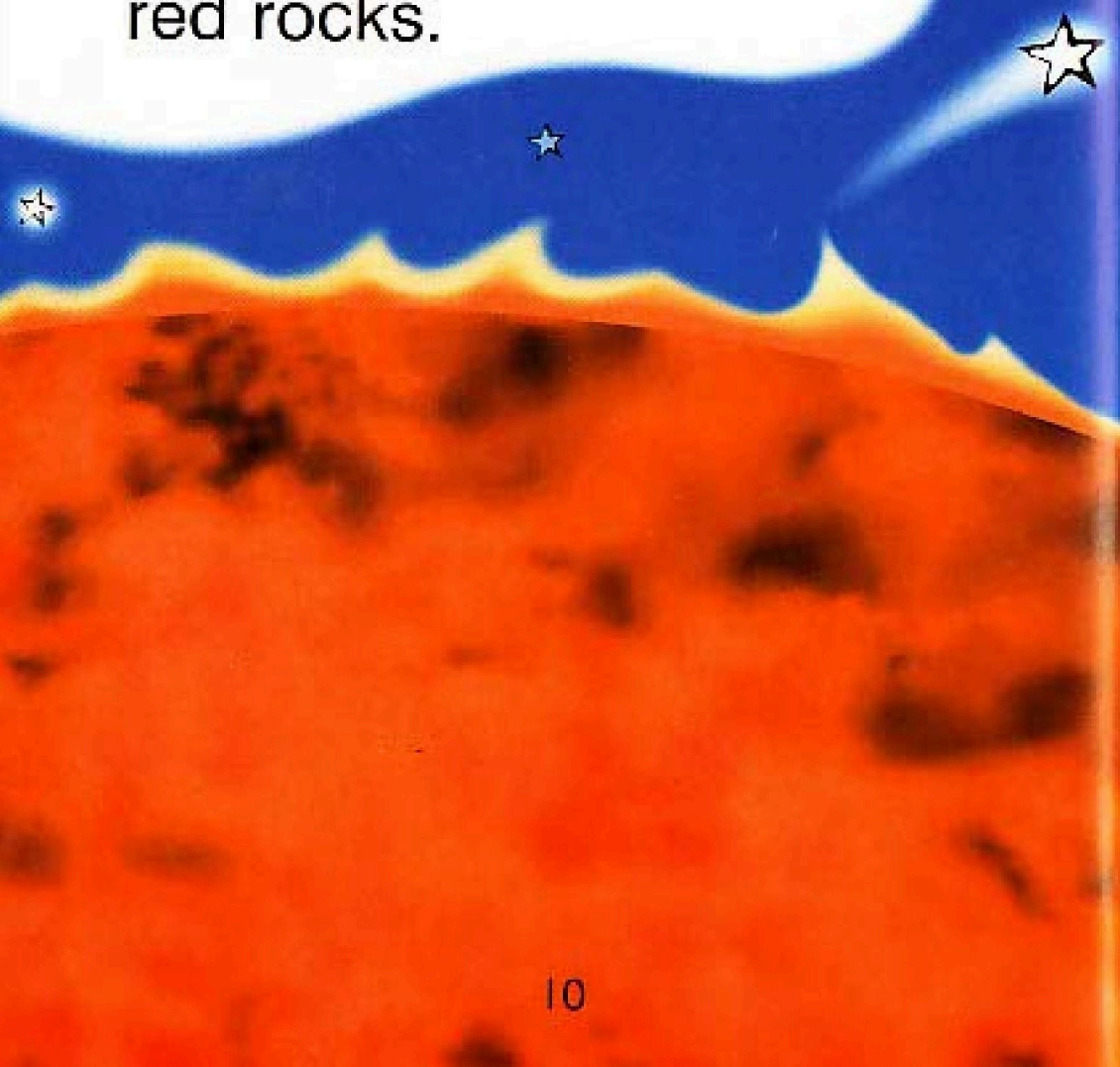
Jupiter

There are nine planets  
in our solar system.



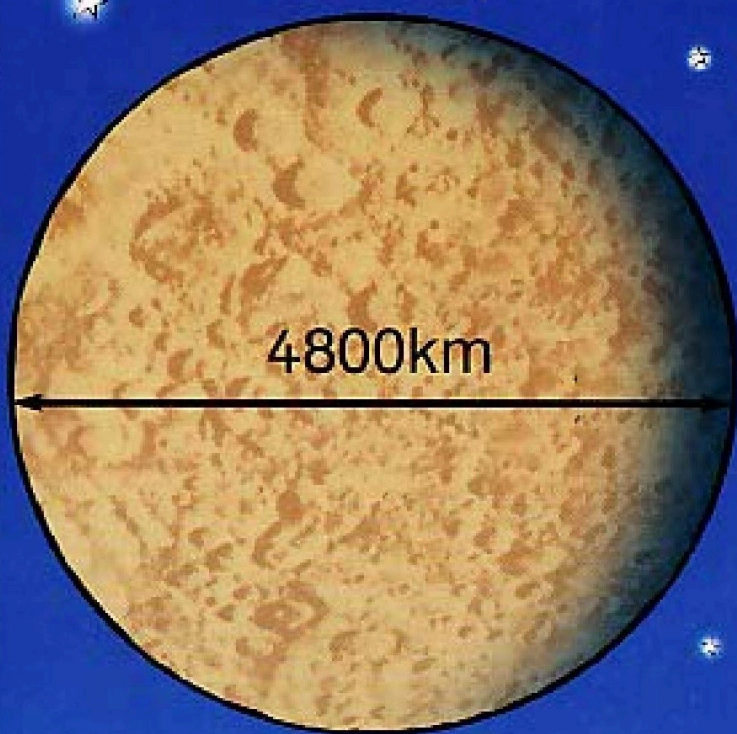
Here is the planet Mercury.  
It is the planet closest to  
the sun.

Mercury is a small dry  
planet covered with  
red rocks.





# Mercury



Mercury is covered with many craters.

The biggest craters on Mercury are about four billion years old.

Here is the planet Venus.  
It is the second planet  
from the sun.

Venus is the hottest and  
brightest planet in the  
solar system.





Venus



12100km

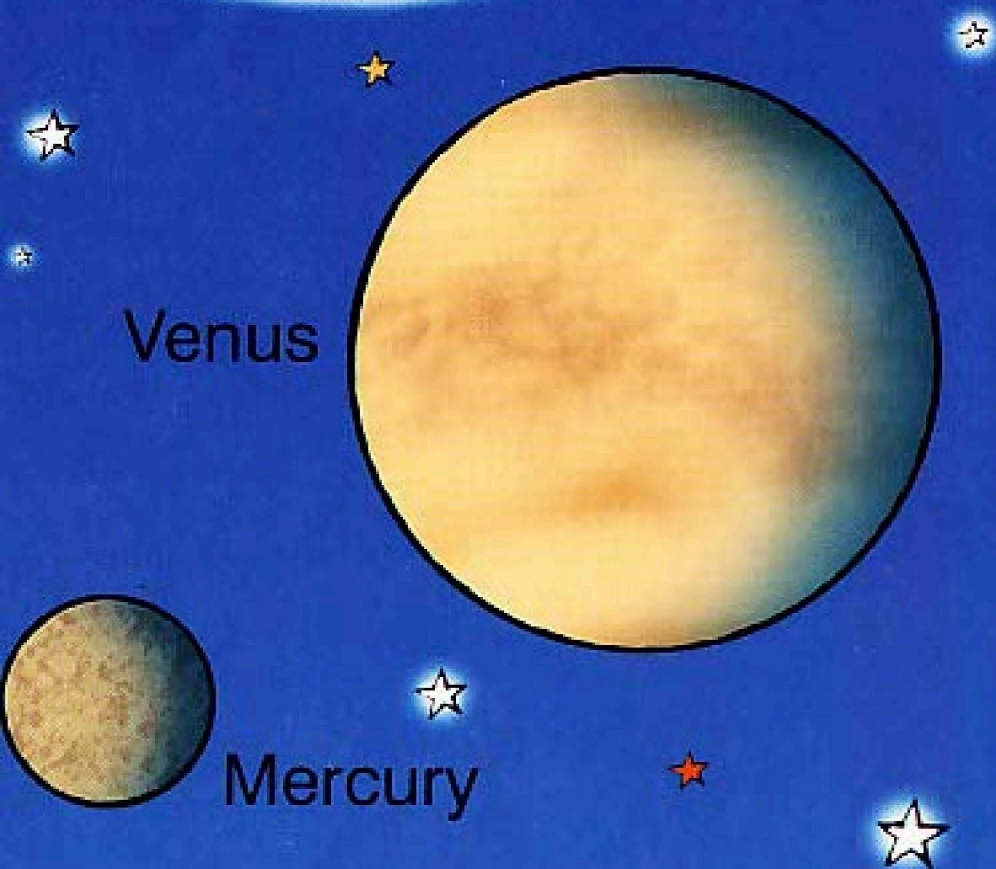
A large yellow-orange sphere representing Venus is centered on the page. A horizontal line with arrows at both ends passes through the center of the sphere, indicating its diameter. The text '12100km' is written above this line. The background is a dark blue sky with several white stars of varying sizes and a small red star on the left. A white comet with a long tail is in the upper left corner. A yellow rectangular box is at the bottom, and a red star is in the bottom right corner.

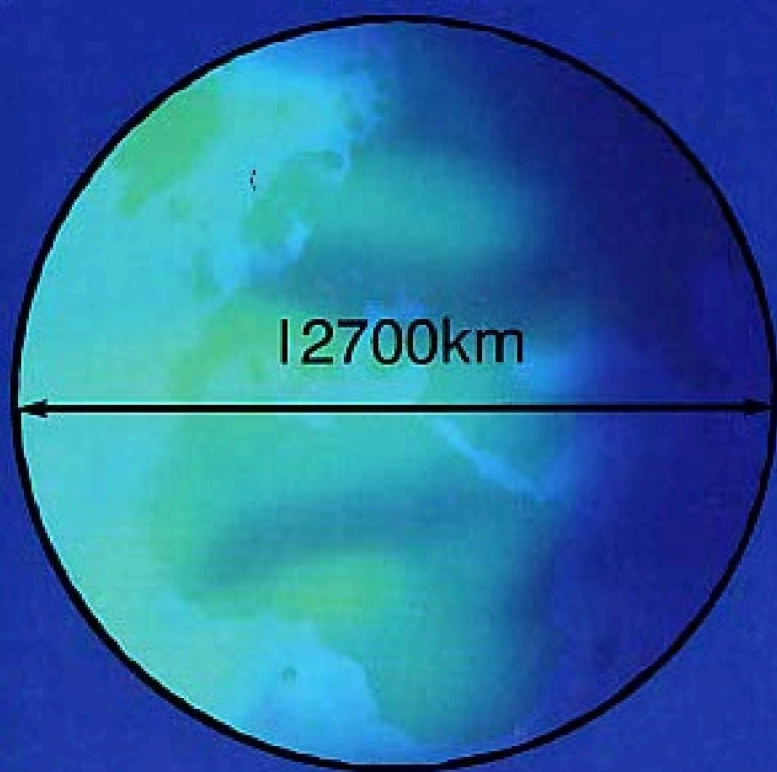
Venus does not have  
any moons.



Here is the planet Earth.  
It is the third planet from  
the sun.

Three-quarters of Earth  
is covered in water.





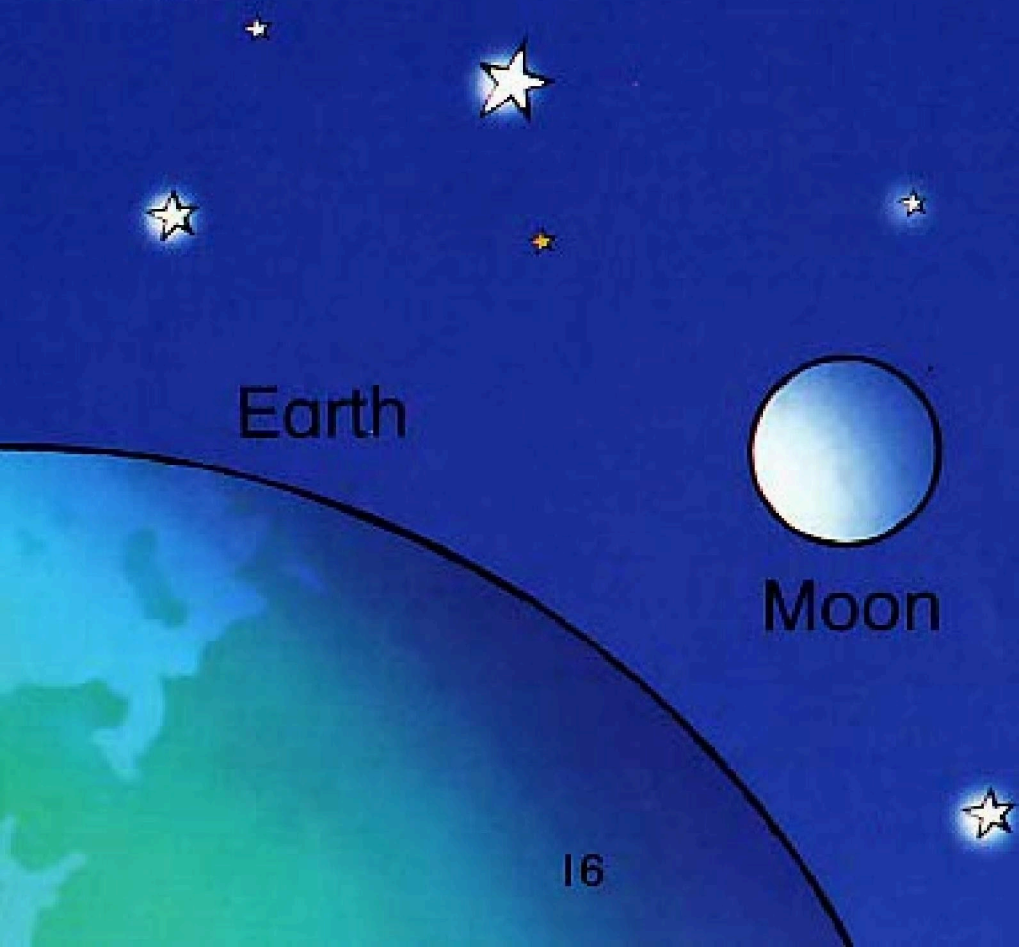
Earth



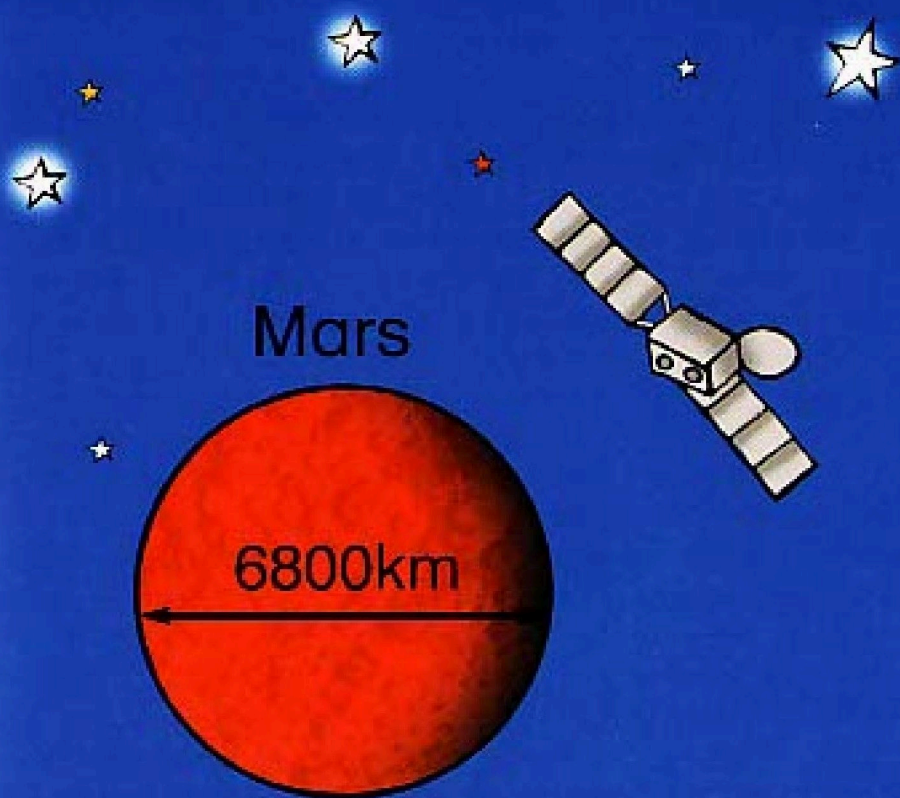
Moon

The Moon is a ball of rock that goes round the Earth every 28 days.

Here is the planet Mars.  
It is the fourth planet from  
the sun.  
Mars is covered in red dust.







The biggest volcano in the solar system is on Mars.

Here is the planet Jupiter.  
It is the fifth planet from  
the sun.

Jupiter is the biggest  
planet in the solar system.

Moon



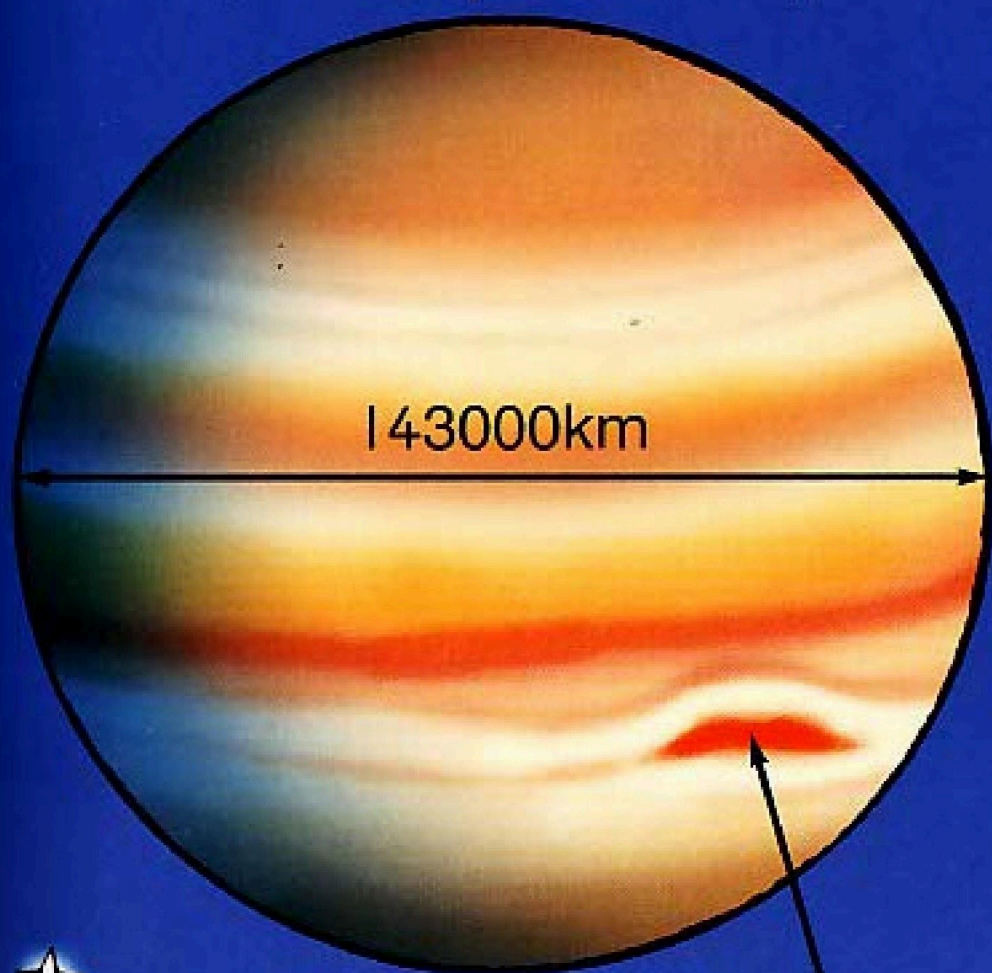
Earth



Mars



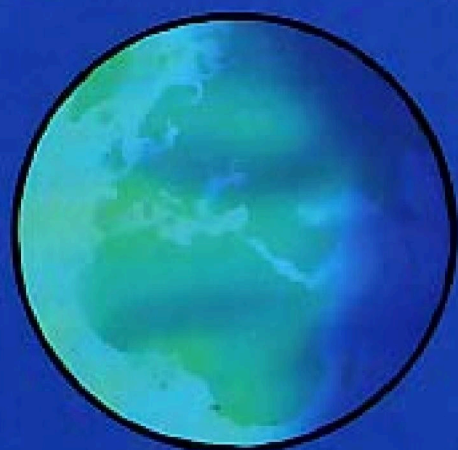
# Jupiter



Jupiter is made up of gases.  
The big red spot on Jupiter  
is a giant storm.

Here is the planet Saturn.  
It is the sixth planet from  
the sun.

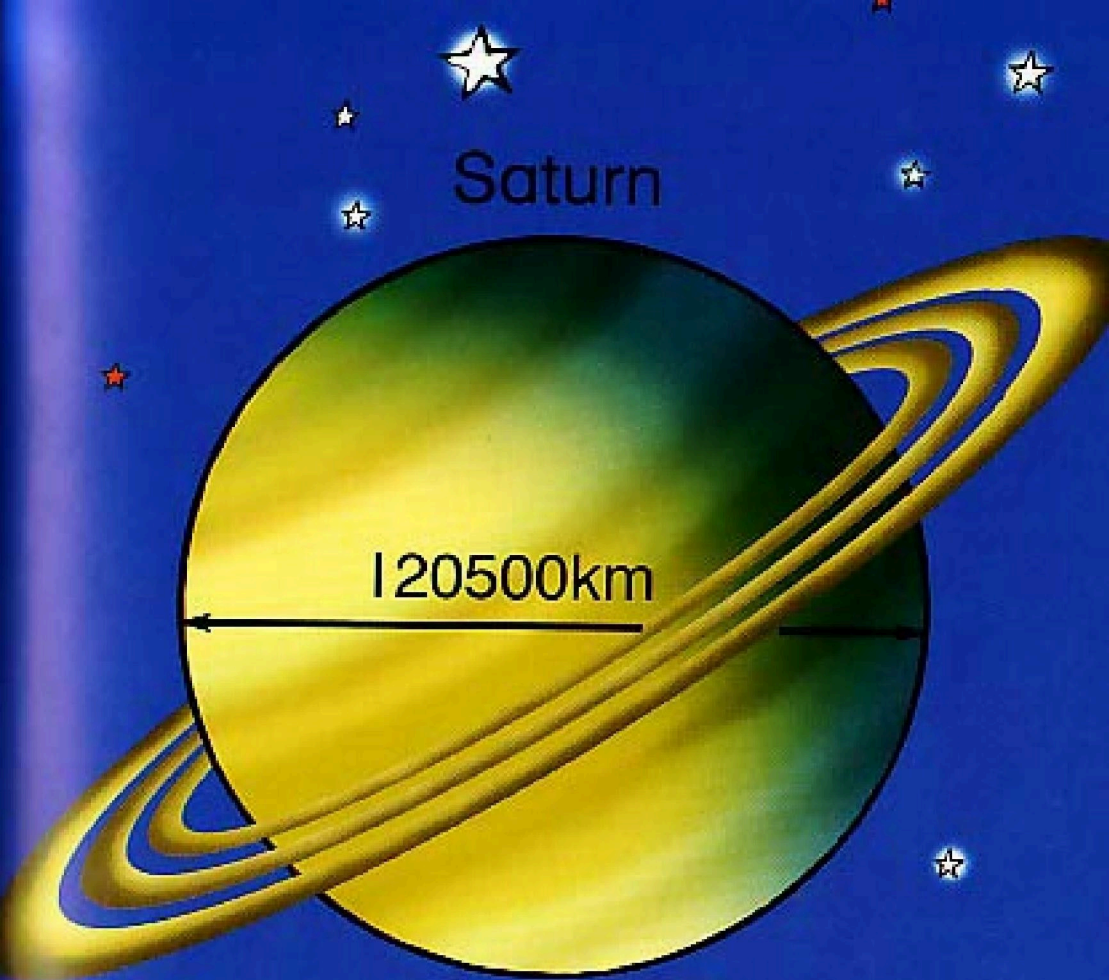
Saturn has big rings  
around it. The rings are  
made of rock and ice.



Earth



Mars

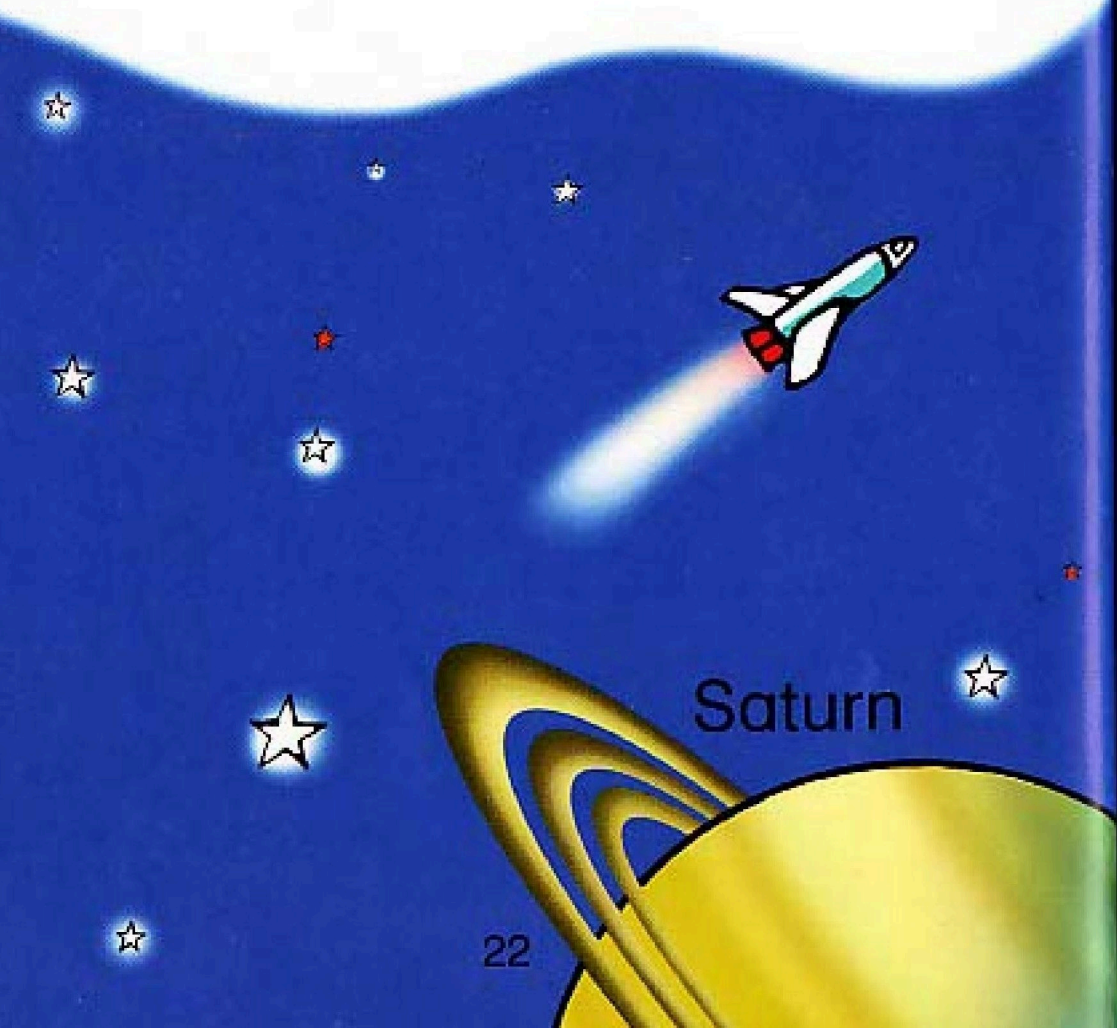


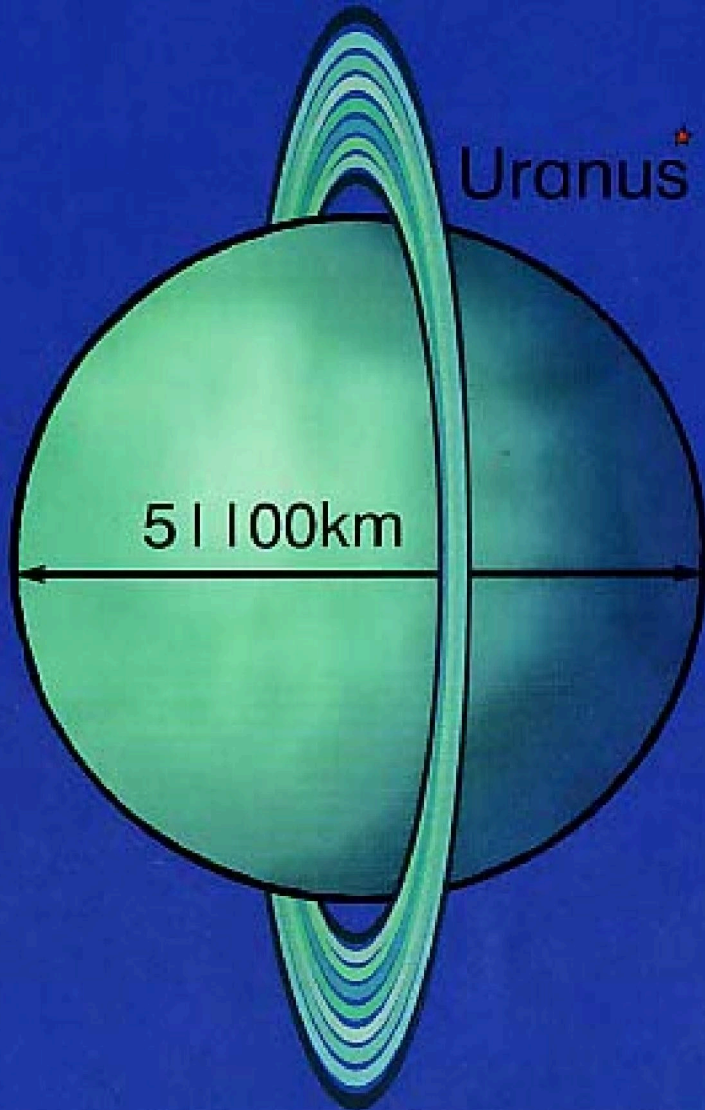
Three of Saturn's rings  
can be seen from Earth.



Here is the planet Uranus.  
It is the seventh planet  
from the sun.

Uranus is the only planet  
to spin round on its side.

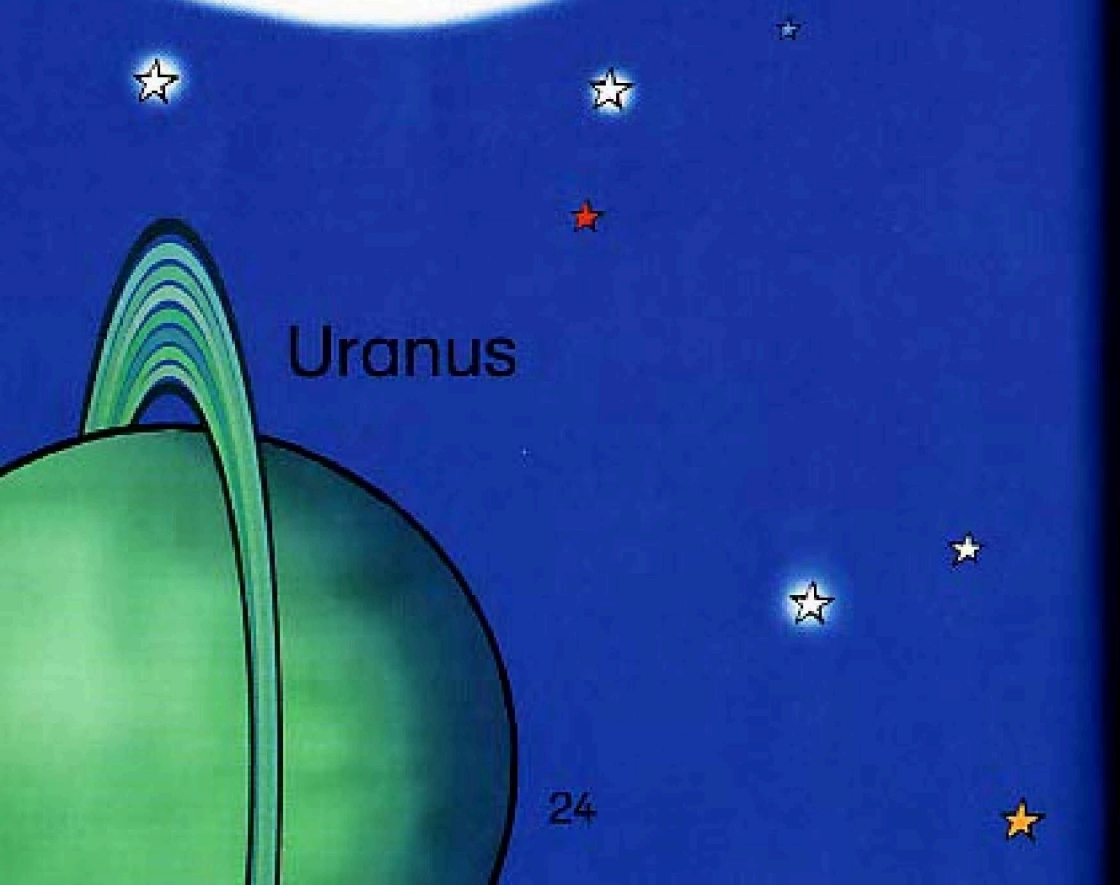




It would take you eight and  
a half years to reach Uranus  
in a space rocket.

Here is the planet Neptune.  
It is the eighth planet from  
the sun.

Neptune has four rings  
and eleven moons  
around it.





# Neptune

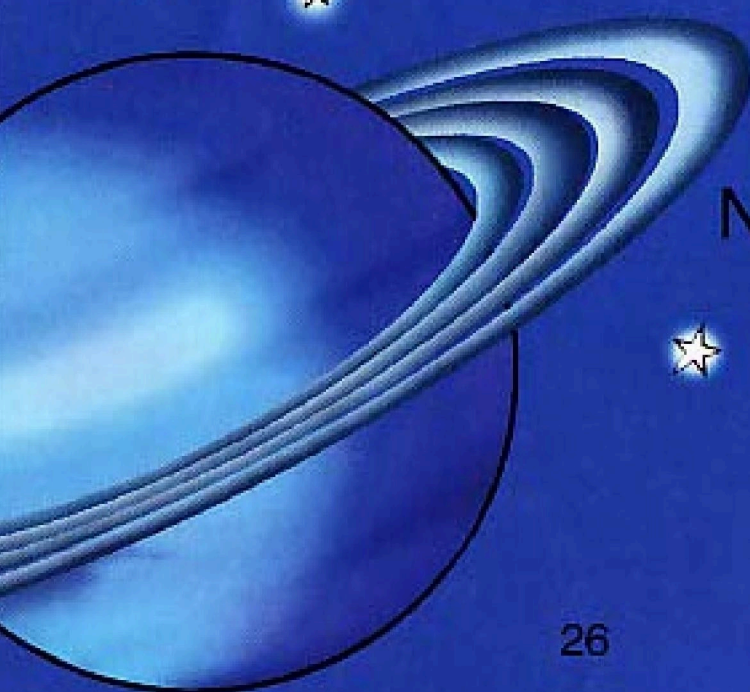
49500km

A diagram of the planet Neptune, depicted as a blue sphere with a lighter blue band across its middle. It is surrounded by several concentric, glowing blue rings. A horizontal double-headed arrow spans the width of the planet, with the text '49500km' centered above it. The background is a dark blue space filled with several white and red stars.

Space rockets can't land on Neptune because Neptune is made of gas.

Here is the planet Pluto.  
It is the ninth planet from  
the sun.

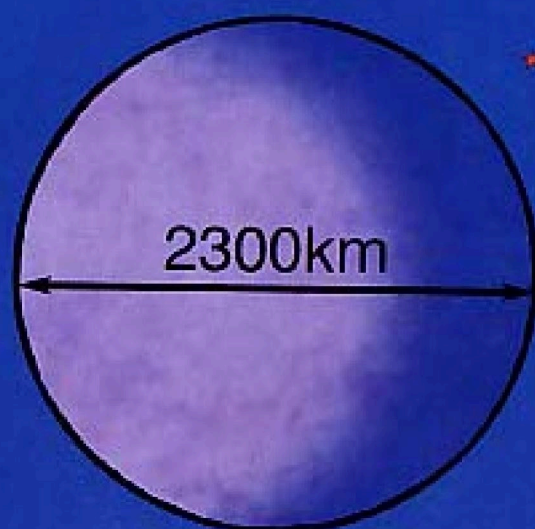
Pluto is the smallest  
and coldest planet  
in the solar system.



Neptune



Pluto

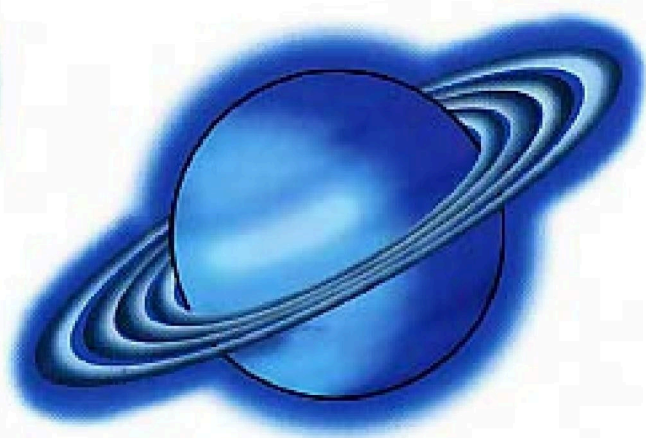
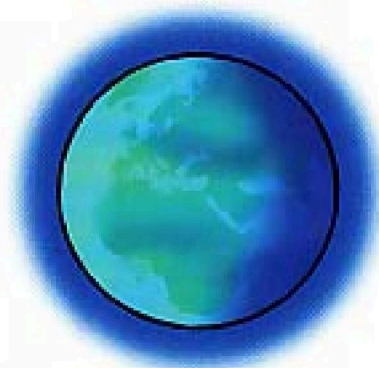
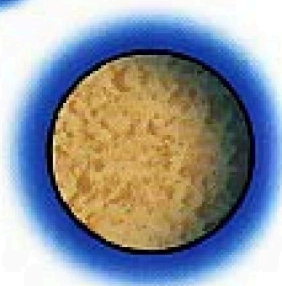
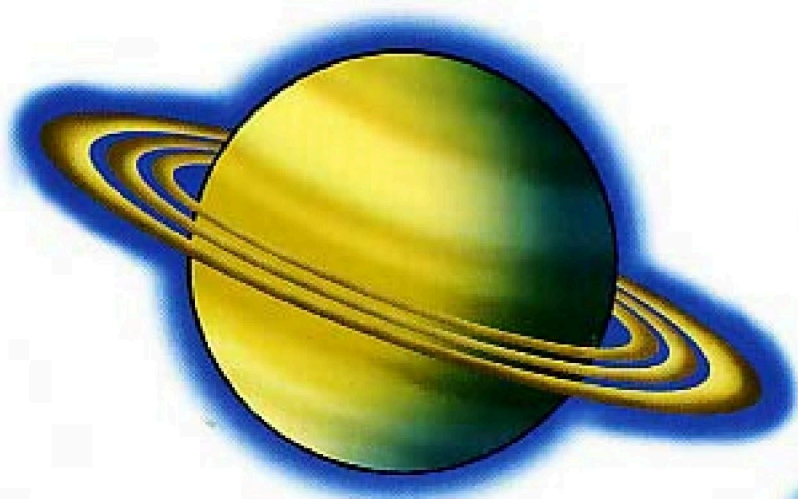


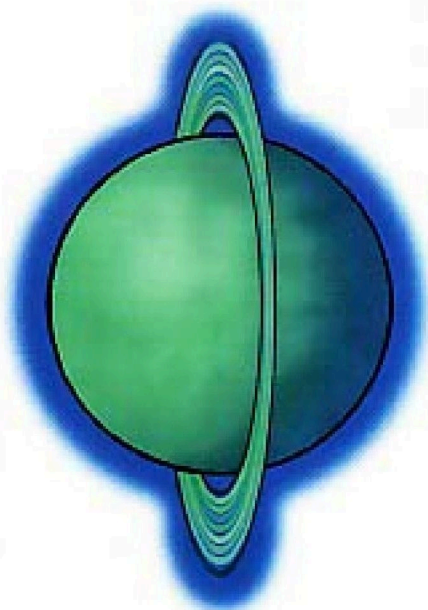
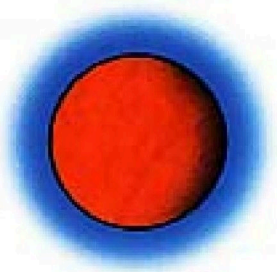
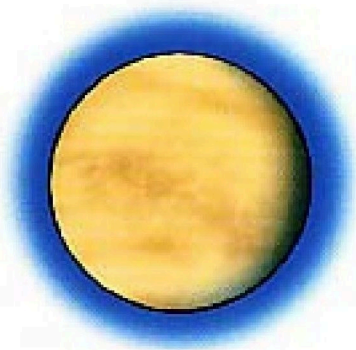
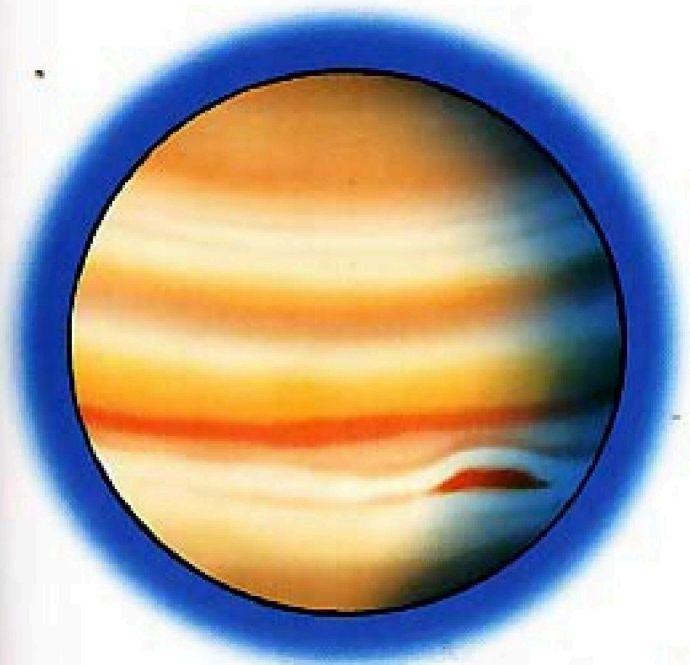
We know less about Pluto than any other planet.

It is so far away from the Earth that no spacecraft has ever been there.



Which planet would  
you like to go to?





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## **Notes for teachers and parents**

*Read It Yourself* is a series of graded readers designed to give young children a confident and successful start to reading.

*Level 2* is for children who are familiar with some simple words and can read short sentences. Each story in this level contains frequently repeated phrases which help children to read more fluently. An interesting and detailed illustration accompanies every page, which aids understanding of the text and encourages interest and enjoyment.

### **About this book**

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- The last spread shows the life cycle.  
Encourage beginner readers to talk about what they have learnt.
- A simple picture glossary can be found at the back of the book. We use a glossary to help us find the meaning of difficult words.

*Beginner readers need plenty of help and encouragement.*

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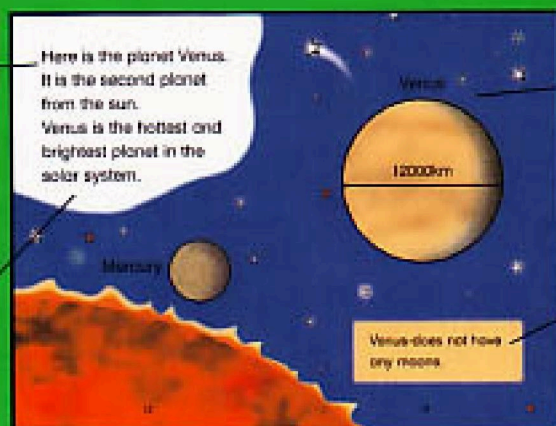
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for beginner readers who can read short simple sentences with help

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simple sentences

clear font size



clear illustrations

incredible facts to discover

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